

**Introduced by Senator Burton**February 21, 2003

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An act to amend and renumber Section 94740.1 of, and to add Section 94740.5 to, the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 967, as introduced, Burton. Postsecondary education: Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: regionally accredited institutions.

Existing law, known as the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989, generally sets minimum standards of instructional quality, ethical and business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility for private postsecondary and vocational educational institutions, as defined. The act establishes the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, which, among other things, is required to review and investigate all institutions, programs, and courses of instruction approved under the act. Numerous terms are defined for the purposes of the act.

This bill would define "regionally accredited institution" for the purposes of the act, and make a related technical change.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 94740.1 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended and renumbered to read:
- 3 94740.1.—



1 94740.7. “Registered,” “registered institution,” or  
2 “registered educational service” means any individual or  
3 organization that offers an educational service and is registered to  
4 operate under Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 94931).

5 SEC. 2. Section 94740.5 is added to the Education Code, to  
6 read:

7 94740.5. “Regionally accredited institution” means a  
8 degree-granting institution that has been accredited by one of six  
9 regional accrediting agencies recognized by the United States  
10 Department of Education. It does not include an institution that has  
11 provisional accreditation, has applied for accreditation, or is  
12 identified by an accrediting agency as a candidate for  
13 accreditation.

